

School Mass this Sunday – 9am
Teacher Only Day this Monday - School Closed

Kia ora koutou katoa whanau

We are mid-point in this 9 week Term and there are quite a few things to note coming up. You'll find details on swimming, a teacher only day, SCG Quiz night, and our school Mass in this newsletter.

Last week at the Health Programme consultation, there was discussion around online safety and people were keen for us to organise a parent information evening. I think this is a great idea and those of you who listened to Rob Cope 2 years ago at St Joseph's, will know how eye opening this type of session can be. As a teaching team, we daily see the impact of our children's online habits. Sometimes it is upsets due to poor use of social media, but even more frequently, we see tired young people who are short of sleep due to the amount of screen time they are allowed. Please keep an eye out for details of a session, and be ready to prioritise being there.

As you will be aware, the Government is very keen to lift the number of ākonga (students) regularly attending school. 'Regular' attendance is being at school at least 90% of the time. As required, our Board now has an Attendance Management Plan which includes specified actions the school will take at various absence points. Please remember that you can see your child's attendance in the Hero app so you can easily see whether they are meeting the 90% target.

Current stats:

78% of ākonga are attending regularly

88 ākonga still have 100% attendance

I look forward to catching-up with you at Mass on Sunday.

Ngā mihi
Dave

Pancake Races for Shrove Tuesday ~ so much fun!





Lent Prayer:

E te Atua,

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be open to Your presence in the Word and in each other.

Help us to hear Your voice clearly, just as the disciples heard You say, "This is my beloved Son." Transform our hearts and open our eyes to see Your glory, so we can answer Your call to be life-changing witnesses of Your love. Āmene.

(Caritas NZ)

Almsgiving In Lent.

The word almsgiving means 'doing acts of mercy'. In our acts of mercy, we imitate our merciful God, who shows love to everyone. Almsgiving does not necessarily mean giving money; many of us do not have much money, but we can give of our time and of ourselves. Works of charity and the promotion of justice for all are at the heart of Christian living.

Caritas Aotearoa NZ is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development. The Caritas network operates in over 200 countries and territories, supporting the poorest and most vulnerable. The theme for the Caritas NZ Lent 2026 appeal is "*Hear the Voice, Answer the Call ~ Whakarongo ki te Reo, Whakahokia te Karanga.*" We are invited to actively embody love, compassion, and hope in our daily lives.



School Mass:

We will be celebrating Mass with our Parish **this Sunday, 8th March**, at 9am at the Basilica. All students are expected to attend School Mass.

The children should come to Mass in smart casual wear and need to be at the Basilica by 8.45am. Class teachers will be on hand to show the children where to sit.

Caritas Coin Trail:

Our Coin Trail and Casual Clothes Day will take place on **Tuesday, 17th March**. In honour of St. Patrick's Day (17th March) we encourage the children to wear something **green**.

This is our way of supporting the Caritas Lent Appeal.

Please collect up lots of coins for the coin trail!



Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

6th March: Rooms 4 & 12 will attend Mass.

13th March: Rooms 3 & 13 will attend Mass.



Policy review

The Board are reviewing the following policies/procedures. You can see them in their current form and give feedback if you wish by logging into our [SchoolDocs site](#) and Username: sacredhearttim, Password: catholic

- Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy
- Sun Protection
- Digital safety and Online Safety
- Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

Easter Raffle:

Easter will soon be here; we would appreciate donations of Easter chocolate or goodies for the Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on Tuesday 31st March.

Donations can be left at the School Office. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 18th March before and after school each day, at the bell tower near our main gate (50 cents per ticket).



Important Events coming up:

This Sunday (8 th March)	9am School Mass in the Basilica.	All students and families. Tidy non-uniform clothes. You are invited to come over to school after Mass to have a hot drink while the children play.
Monday 9 th March	Teacher Only Day	School is closed.
Thursday 19 th	Last day to complete consent for your child to swim.	Go here to give permission.
Mon 23 – Thu 2 April	Water safety lessons at CBay	All students.
Thursday 2 April	Term 1 finishes	

Whole School Swimming – Important Information

During the last two weeks of this Term, all students will receive water safety lessons at the CBay swimming complex.

For health and safety reasons, you are required to give permission before your child can join the lessons.

CBAY have a "no consent - no swim" policy and do not make exceptions.

When you fill in the form, please do not overestimate your child's ability, as it is better to be moved to a higher group (easily done) than potentially be put in a situation that is not safe. [The form link is below.](#)

All consent forms are due back before 5pm Thursday 19/03/2026.

[Water Skills for Life Consent Form | Caroline Bay Pool](#)

SACRED HEART QUIZ NIGHT

BRING CASH FOR
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
LOTS OF GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

MARCH 18, 2026
7:00 PM START

**\$10 PER PERSON, TEAMS OF 4-6 PEOPLE
TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE**

- TEXT NICOLE ON 0278423438,
- MESSAGE THE SCG FACEBOOK PAGE,
- OR LEAVE A NOTE WITH EMMA AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE WITH YOUR TEAM NAME AND HOW MANY MEMBERS

THE SAIL AND ANCHOR, - 51 SOPHIA ST



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

***SCHOOL COMMUNITY
GROUP (PTA)***

NEW MEMBERS MEETING

**Thursday
March 12th
6PM**

Sacred Heart School Library

Get Involved and make a difference

FOR MORE INFO: scg@sacredhearttim.school.net

Sacred Heart Community Group / Timaru / Facebook



**ST PATRICK'S JUNIOR
NETBALL CLUB
Year 1 to 8 players**

Registration Information Year 1 to 8 players

2026 Registration forms will be emailed to all existing players and available on our Facebook page.

Registration closes Friday 6th March
Email registration forms to stpatsjnr@gmail.com
Or hand into your school office.

2026 Subs

Subs include uniform rental fee
\$65 - Year 1 & 2 players
\$85 - Year 3 & 4 players
\$100 - Year 5 & 6 players
\$120 - Year 7 & 8 players

Subs must be paid before uniform pick up.

Uniforms

Uniform pick up Wednesday 11 March St Josephs School Hall 4.30pm - 5.30pm.

Hoodies \$65.00

Can be ordered on registration form.

Year 7/8 Trials

Monday 23 March, Roncalli Turf
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Any queries to our Club Committee at stpatsjnr@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook - St Pat's Junior Netball Club

LEARN TO SPEEDSKATE

INLINE SPEED SKATING BEGINNERS COURSE

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026

Where: SC Roller Sports Club on Marine Parade.

When: Sundays at 10am

Cost: \$3 per session (first session free)

Who: Anyone 5 and up

You can use your own skates or borrow a pair of ours. Bring long socks, a helmet and a drink bottle



Weather permitting - If it's wet, we will start on the 22nd
For more information - Contact Cheryl on 021 026 26277



The Royal New Zealand Ballet is offering free workshops to celebrate the tour of their children's ballet Dazzlehands, based on the award-winning picture book by Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan.

The 30 minute workshops, taken by a Dance Educator, include learning ballet positions/ steps and choreography from the Dazzlehands performance.

Where: Timaru Children's Library

When: Monday 23rd March, 2026.

Workshop One - Preschool

2:00-2:30pm

Suitable for children aged

2 years to 4 years old.

30 places available.

Workshop Two - Primary

4:00-4:30pm

Suitable for children aged

5 years to 11 years old.

30 places available.

To book a place:

Email: anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz

or phone: 03 687 7202





SPECIAL OFFER
FREE

- ✓ T-shirt
- ✓ Mouth guard
- ✓ Team photo
- ✓ Rugby Ball

Games start Term 2

Want to play rugby?

Junior registrations open now

1. Scan QR code to register online with Rugby Xplorer



2. Register in person at 34 Church St:

- 10am-12pm March 1st
- 5-7pm March 5th
- 9am-11am March 7th

OR

\$50 per player
\$25 for each sibling



Northern Hearts Football 2026 Registrations

We still have a few spots available in Football Teams.

If your child is keen to play football for Northern Hearts, this season you can find all the details on our Facebook page - Northern Hearts AFC Juniors - or contact us on nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com.

Ages 5/6yrs (this includes 5 year olds turning 6yrs this year) to 13yrs.
(Birth year from 2019/20- 2014)

Registrations need to be completed by the Friday 27th of March.

#EYESUPNZ

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DRIVING SAFETY

Driving and the teenage brain.

Wednesday,
18 March
Caroline Bay
Hall, Timaru
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Register at

eyesupnz.co.nz

FREE EVENT

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HIGHLAND PIPE BAND

SOUTH
CANTERBURY

NEW ZEALAND

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026

2 TURNBULL STREET

TIMARU

11AM - 2PM

ALL WELCOME



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

R18

\$40 PER PERSON

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

WILD WEST

HOLY HOE-DOWN

of the year

28 MARCH 2026

Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru

Bought to you by the St Joseph's School Timaru Community Group

HOLY HOE DOWN EVENT

A major fundraiser for St Joseph's School, Timaru.

When: Saturday 28 March 2026 from 7pm

Where: Caroline Bay Hall

Band: Smashbox

Cost: \$40 pp includes supper, band, auction

This promises to be a great night out raising money for school resources.

Use this link for ticket details and purchases: [Holy Hoe Down Event](#)

Any questions, please email: office@stjosephstimaru.school.nz

LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

KATS

KATRINA'S AFTERSCHOOL TIME SOLUTIONS

We provide high quality and fun afterschool and holiday programs for your children

- * Afterschool Care
- * Holiday Programmes
- * Collection from local Timaru Schools

Register Now :
 kats.aimyplus.com
 admin@katsschoolcare.co.nz
 022 6556 726
 Waimataitai School



**Anglican Advocacy
South Canterbury**
Christchurch City Mission



OCEANS

Grief and Loss Peer Support Programme

Oceans grief and loss is a peer support programme supporting people who are missing people in their lives. Grief from death, separation or changes in our lives can last a long time and sometimes it helps to be able to share our journey with others.

During the six (adults) to eight (children) week length of the facilitated programme people find support, strengths and encouragement in sharing and learning from each other.

“Grief is like the Ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes it is calm and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim”. Vicki Harrison

Check out further information and register on
anglicancare.org.nz

Contact Alexia, Oceans grief and loss coordinator

Text/phone: 0274 OCEANS (623267)

Email: oceans@anglicancare.org.nz

Note: There is a \$20 commitment fee to assist with related costs



DANCE

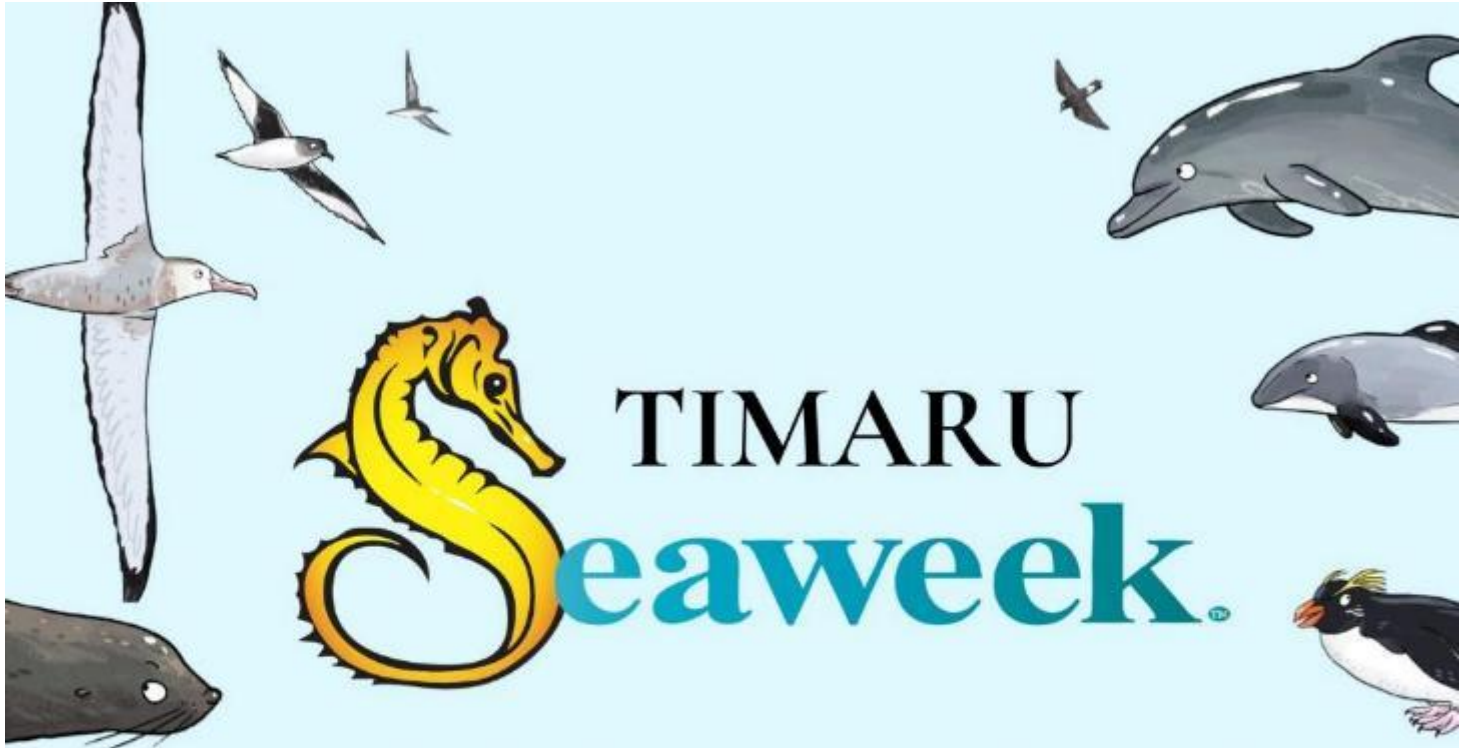
CLASSES

B.B.S.D.

Email bronzbeat2022@gmail.com for more information. Spaces available for most Introductory Level Classes.



BRONZBEAT STUDIO OF DANCE



TIMARU Seaweek.

Sat 28 Feb – Sun 8 March

Community
events
timetable:



SC Eco Centre website



Connect with our Moana

Explore • Learn • Protect

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TABLE TENNIS



HAVE A GO

Saturday 7th March

Women and Girls session

10am to 1pm

(with Table Tennis N Z)

Session for anyone

1pm to 4pm

FREE TO EVERYONE

Never played, or are a pro, come along

Bats and balls supplied

A club member on hand for playing tips or enquiries

**Tuesdays - Active and Age -
1.30 pm**

Wednesdays - Junior Coaching - 5.30 pm

Friendly school team's competition

Wednesdays - Club night - 7.30 pm | All sessions are at:

All sessions are at: The Barry Butler Table Tennis Stadium, 96 Coonor Road, Timaru

For more information David 027 200 6430

tabletennissouthcanterbury@gmail.com



Makes sense.

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

Parenting in the digital era

With
Holly Brooker

MONDAY, 9th MARCH
7.00 PM - 8.30 PM
WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL
SAVE YOUR SEAT



Holly is a leading advocate for children's online safety and will share practical tips and tools to help families guide tamariki in navigating the online world safely and confidently.

When: Monday 9th March 2026 | 7:00–8:30 pm

Where: Waimataitai School Hall

Who: Parents, caregivers, and teachers of children

Note: This event is for adults only — so attendees will need to arrange care for children.

Holly will cover:

- How kids use tech: gaming, YouTube, social media & screen time
- Online risks: the 4 C's (Content, Conduct, Contact & Contract)
- Practical strategies: filtering, whānau values, house rules, connection & conversation
- Plus a Q&A session

If people from your school community registered last year, they don't need to do anything, just come along on the night!

For anyone else wishing to attend, we encourage you to save a seat here: <https://events.humanitix.com/parenting-in-the-digital-era>

We'd love to see whānau from across our wider community join us for this important kōrero.

11TH OF APRIL 2026

Entries Open at 12pm on the 1st of March 2026
& Close on the 4th of April 2026



BEST CARD OF 36 HOLES

ENTRANTS CATEGORIES

Open (16+ years)
Junior (8 to 16 yrs)

COURSE LOCATION

The Shearers Quarters Mini Golf &
The Caroline Bay Mini Golf Course

ENTRY FEE: ADULTS \$25, JUNIOR \$15

SC MINI GOLF CHAMPS

WINNER - Flights & Accommodation for the NZ Champs +
WIN - A share of over \$2,000 in prizes



SCAN TO REGISTER

Online registration only.
Bank deposit is required



Easter

EGG HUNT



Sunday 29th March

The Shearers Quarters, 1:00 – 3:30pm,

\$5.00 per person

All proceeds are going to

World Vision

Hundreds of eggs to be found!